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**Re: New Hanover County Joins Power IT Down Day**

(New Hanover County)— New Hanover County employees will join major technology companies and other local governments in Power IT Down Day, a national effort to conserve energy. Microsoft, Citrix, Hewlett-Packard, Intel, and the National Association of Counties, have challenged counties to power down their computers, printers and monitors to save energy and dollars after they leave work on August 27. Last year, more than 2,800 government and industry employees pledged to power down their electronics, resulting in a one-day savings of over 37,000 kilowatt hours.

New Hanover County IT Director, Leslie Stanfield says the Power IT Down idea fits into the county's overall 'green initiative' which began last year when fuel prices began to soar and the county began facing tougher budgetary issues. "It is important to note that we already have power management policies in position that place a number of computers in hibernation every night to save power. This is an automated task that runs every night and runs again in the morning to "wake" the PCs back up."

New Hanover County's commitment involves more than 1,600 of the county's inventory of over 2,000 computers. That includes all public access PCs in the libraries and other areas such as Register of Deeds. Since the County has 24x7 operations at places like the 911 Center, Detention Center, and Sheriff's Patrol, we can't power down all 2000.

County Property Management staff has also implemented a number of energy and cost savings programs such as installation of energy efficient lighting systems, and automation of heating and cooling systems. "Savings are primarily reflected in how we manage the cost of facility operations and the cost of energy. We must track key data on our buildings' usage of energy to make this happen," according to Property Management Director, Jerome Fennell.

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